



# *The Breeze* *of Park Point*

Park Point Garden Club  
Thursday December 18,  
6:00 Christmas Dinner

Lafayette Edible Garden  
December 21,  
5 to 7 PM

Solstice Potluck Dinner  
Lafayette Community Center

Park Point Community Club  
Meeting  
Thursday, January 23,  
7 PM, Social at 6:30  
Lafayette Community Center

The lighting season has officially begun. As in years past, Park Pointers have done a GREAT job of "lighting up". These evenings get extremely dark and "as we work to create light for others, we naturally light our own way". Just one strand of lights, Ice Candles, even a candle in a window, brighten the darkness and lift the spirit.

It's amazing how many people have made a tradition of making a trip down the Point to walk through my lights, visit the beach and the "little green lights", roast marshmallows, stop in the garden house for a cup of cider and "get into the spirit and joy of the season". Many comment on how "beautifully lit up" our neighborhood is.

Santa will be here on Friday and Saturday evenings. On December 20th the Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Children's Choir will be here to carol. Week nights, lights are on from 5 to 9. Friday and Saturday 5 to 10.

Please give me a call if you would like to get on the calendar to pour cider or stoke the fire. We are also in need of firewood if anyone can donate.

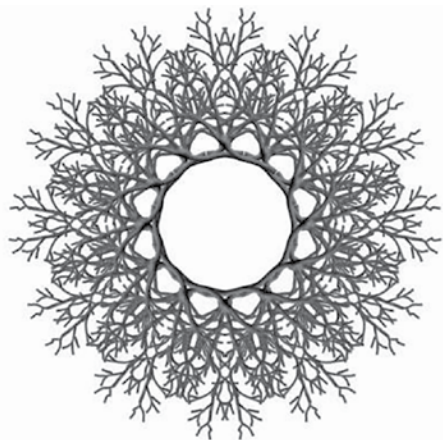
Happy Lighting,

Marcia Hales

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Facebook.....HOLIDAY SPIRIT IN THE LIGHTS



The mission of the Breeze is to  
serve the community by:

1. Publishing the minutes and financial statements of the Park Point Community Club.
2. Informing the community of upcoming meetings, events, happenings and projects.
3. Providing a forum for Park Point residents to air their concerns.
4. Sharing the history, stories and anecdotes that make Park Point a unique place to live.

Dear fellow residents of Park Point,

If you have a computer in your home and are heading into town, remember to go to [www.duluthharborcam.com](http://www.duluthharborcam.com) where you can check the harbor cameras to avoid getting bridged.

The seven cameras look out in the Lake, at the Aerial Lift Bridge and down Superior Bay so you can see ships heading in and out of the Duluth-Superior Harbor.

Denny O'Hara does this because of his love of our area and on his Harbor Cam website you can "Buy him a cup of coffee" to help support this endeavor. At the top of the Harbor Cam page you may click on the link, Northern Images, to view Denny's photographs of our beautiful area, and my favorite, all the ship photos.

Also don't forget there is another camera that will help, [www.solglimt.com](http://www.solglimt.com). Thanks Brian, Mary and Solglimt for your Lake Camera!

Enjoy the views,  
Capt. Tom Mackay (Ret.)

## **The Breeze**

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are due by 12/26/14.

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## **From the PPCC President**

Hi Neighbors,

Winter's darker and slippery days are upon us and bring both mental and physical challenges on our beautiful "island." Walking on the winter beach becomes a bigger adventure in terms of both gear and fortitude. My mom died a year ago and I think of her a lot when I am out exploring with the dog on the winter beachscape or bundled up on the big frozen bay. She loved the "old days" growing up on Park Point in the 1950's; she could tell me who lived in just about every house on Park Point. Linked with each house was a story or two about the family who was living there back in the day. Her stories ranged from hilarious to tragic and her novel would have been richly racy, bold and precious.

My mom loved people and she spent much of her life making other people's lives better. I arrived at that basic realization while "seeking meaning" in my grief on the dark, slippery beach shortly after she was gone. This past Friday after Thanksgiving, my oldest daughter and I were helping my dad get mom's clothes sorted out and ready to be packed up. I had a phone call from home to pick up a piece of pvc pipe for a plumbing project. My dad reached for a piece of scratch paper on the counter so I could write down details about the drain elbow that I needed to pick up at Marshall Hardware (I was not going near Menards on Black Friday). The slightly tattered paper bore my mom's somewhat weakened, wobbly writing, a short shopping list on one side and a reminder on the other. The prompt was to "Take bars," no doubt she and my dad were delivering some wonderful treats to someone who needed cheering.

Even near the end of her life last November, when the cancer had virtually sapped her entire physical being, her hope and joy came from early holiday baking and treat preparation. On the reverse of the delivery reminder was a shopping list for the makings of her famous cheese balls - another annual tradition and expression of her love for her friends. The list also had one item in my dad's distinctive lefty scratch; most likely this meant that mom was too weak to add the Hershey's Special Dark Cocoa herself. (Grocery lists had been my mom's exclusive domain for years.)

Mom never got to roll out those cheese balls but I have folded up this revealing little piece of paper and have it in my wallet as a reminder of what is important for a good life.

Wishing for you a loving holiday season filled with gratitude, compassion and happiness.

Dawn

# Park Point Community Club Meeting Notes: February 20, 2014

The Park Point Community Club meeting was called to order at 7:05pm on November 20, 2014 by Club President Dawn Buck. The civility checklist was reviewed.

**October 2014 minutes** – a motion was made by Don Freimuth to approve the minutes as they appear in the Breeze. Gale Kerns seconded. All ayes from the membership.

**Treasurer's report** – Al Robins

Al gave the treasurer's report, stating that our current balance is \$41, 280. He also compared the bank balances every year in January, starting in 2011 through 2014. We are holding our own and doing well.

**Sunshine Committee** – Pam Griggs

Pam was not at the meeting, but emailed her report. Get well cards were sent to Mike Medlin and Kathy Holinday, a sympathy card to Lynn Beechler and a thinking of you to Ruby Clementsen.

**Hospitality Committee** – Ted Buck & Diane Gould

Thanks for putting on the coffee and the great Cookies!

**Program Committee** – Dave Poulin

No report this month.

**Watch Committee** – That's us!

The County assessor is still on the Point! No other issues to report.

**Art Fair** – Carla Tamburro

Carla did a recap of her 10 years with the Fair. Discussed the 2015 Minn State Arts Board Grant and the budget. Motion made by Gale Kerns to accept the budget. Seconded by Dave Johnson. All ayes from the membership.

**Youth Committee** – Liz Mackay

No report this month.

**The Breeze** – Natalija Walbridge

No report this month. (Please see page 11 for an announcement that the Breeze is in need of a new editor.)

Rummage Sale – Dave Lavamaki  
No report this month.

**Unfinished Business:**

Gale Kerns gave a street end group update. There have been four meetings with about 12 members in the group. The emphasis has been on Tier 2 access and education of the community. The group will be bringing more information to the Club in the January monthly meeting.

Gay Hooper gave the County Land sale update. The land is question was voted out of conservation; however, there will be no auction or sale until June 2015. Contact info for Gay is on the website.

**Miscellaneous:**

Airport - Brian Mattson from Sky Harbor gave a brief update. The airport has three new hydrants, and the apron will be completed in the Spring.

Skating rink – Dave Lavamaki will need help with the rink this winter. Your help would be appreciated.

Boot Hockey – a volunteer/coach is needed. Contact Dawn Buck if you are available!

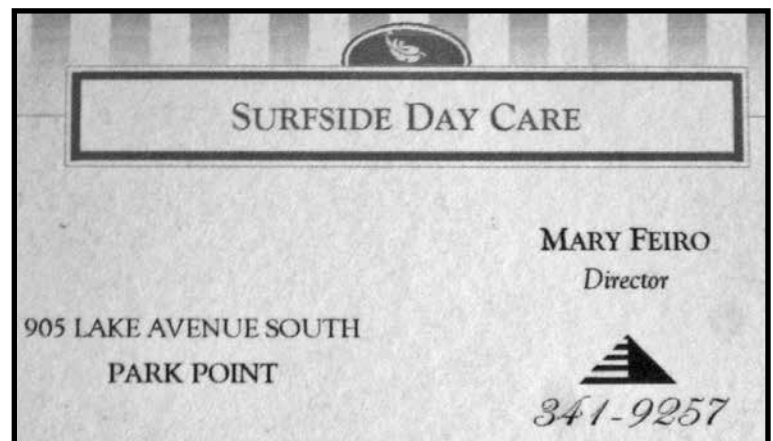
**New Business:**

Motion made by Bruce Rutherford for PPCC to spend \$100 for a membership to the St Louis River Alliance. Seconded by Dave Johnson. All ayes from the membership.

Motion to adjourn made by Diane Gould.

Seconded by Dave Johnson.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:09 p.m.





## NOVEMBER STORM ON PARK POINT

A strand of obsidian  
night but glowing clarity  
along its dark length,

tangles of dune grass  
bent low by fierce wind,

black waves  
with foaming shoulders  
heave drifting timbers  
high on the dunes,

cold, stiff,  
battered and carved out,

lost in snow,  
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against another  
storm's oblivion

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Your faith should be unshakable, like a tree standing near the water, as it says in Psalm One. Your faith should be like a light within your heart to light your path, and the path of your friends, and others around you.

True faith is profound, immutable, and unchangeable. That is the faith of our fathers, the faith which has been given to us by God via the Second Person of the Trinity, Jesus Christ.

No one can be so ugly, no one so tragic, no one so miserable as not to be beloved by God. That's something extraordinary! Aren't you filled to the brim with this miracle? It is so great! And the greater your faith, the deeper that miracle. Think about it. Dream about it. Ponder it. And slowly, as you do, even without noticing it, you will become a saint.

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## Lafayette Community Edible Garden News

At our November 16th dinner and meeting, Chad Johnson taught us about Sepp Holzer's permaculture farming practices and how these are used locally at Chad's Spirit Mountain Farm. Following Holzer's ideas, we built a Hügelskultur mound this past planting season in our Park Point community garden. It got mixed reviews, but experimentation is part of our mission. If you have an unusual gardening method you think we should try, please tell us about it.

Our monthly potluck dinners and meetings are held at Lafayette Community Center and are open to all Park Pointers. For more information, call Coral 727-6455.

Are you a criminal gardener?

The one-year-old Duluth Public Seed Lending Library recently got a visit from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, who determined that our seed-saving methods are in violation of the Minnesota Seed Labeling Law. The current law states that seeds need to be packed and individually weighed, labeled with lot numbers and tested for germination rates before we can share them with friends or neighbors. Who knew? For more information about the Duluth Seed Library and this issue, visit the Duluth Public Library website and look for the Seed Library under Programs and Events.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, December 21, 5 to 7 p.m., Winter solstice social potluck dinner. Bring a tasty dish to share and an inexpensive and/or recycled gift-wrapped white elephant gift for the gift exchange and join in the holiday fun.

Sunday, January 18, 5 to 7 p.m., monthly potluck dinner.

Sunday, February 15, 5 to 7 p.m., monthly potluck dinner.

Sunday, March 15, 5 to 7 p.m., monthly potluck dinner.

Sunday, April 19, 5 to 7 p.m., monthly potluck dinner.

## Lafayette Community Edible Garden News

### The Park Point Garden Club Wishes You a Flower-filled Holiday

Amaryllis are popular holiday gift plants because the bulbs bloom well indoors and are affordable. The large, showy flowers are available in many colors, shapes and sizes and can be brought to bloom every year if treated correctly. Amaryllis are native to tropical and subtropical areas of the Americas. Most species experience warm, humid conditions with abundant rainfall for most of the year and a short, cooler dry season. To make your amaryllis bloom again, you simply have to mimic the conditions that nature provides. First, keep it cool (temperatures in the 60°F range) with diffused light. Keep it barely moist not allowing the exposed bulb to get wet. If you have a large bulb, you may get more than one flowering stalk. When the last flower has faded, cut the flower stalk near the top of the bulb. Be careful not to injure the leaves or any emerging flower stalks. A large amount of sap may run out of the hollow flower stalk when you cut it. This is normal if the plant has been well watered. In late winter the amaryllis is in its growth phase. You want to encourage leaf production that will help the bulb bulk up for next year's flowers. It's hard to give your amaryllis too much sunlight during this time. Fertilize it monthly with a liquid fertilizer, and never allow the soil to dry out completely. If you want to try to have your amaryllis to re-bloom next year, this is a good website with instructions.



## TOUR OF ARGENTINA BRAZIL AND PATAGONIA

**June 17 - July 1, 2015**

- Rio de Janeiro including Christ the Redeemer, Favelas, and Corcovado sights and Iguassu Falls in Iguassu.
- Calafate, Argentina - a day in El Chalten Eco Camp as well as Viedma Light. Patagonia.
- Ushuaia, Argentina - Tierra del Fuego Park in Lapataia
- Buenos Aires, Argentina - Visit a Fiesta Gaucha etc. plus tango dinner in a restaurant.

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## At the Apostle Islands

We had a sled with a sail,  
an island far over the ice,  
and a whole day for the runners to cry  
as they streaked the one  
course left for them in the only  
compromise our course would accept,  
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William Stafford, 1968  
Submitted by Warren Howe

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## Park Point.....Naturally

This is a good time to reflect on the days the weather fully met or exceeded our expectations. To be sure, I can't say much good for the days we waited in a state of anxiety to see the snowflakes dissolve last spring. However, on the flip side of that memory is a glorious Sunday, October 25th. I sat with bare feet (it was 72 on my balcony) soaking up the sunshine and scanning the blue sky and calm bay waters. I was at peace with the world.

I doubt there are even a few Point residents who are satisfied with the decision by the administration to remove our fire hall. But, on November 19th, I developed a new perspective on the situation...not one that erased the lingering negative actions of the executives in city hall but did further increase my deep admiration for "the working staff" of the fire department.

In checking the bay from my bedroom window to observe the extent of the freeze-over that had developed during the night, I was startled to see two men walking on the still dangerously thin ice. One of them fell through and was trying to claw his way back to safety.



Just as I was about to call 911, another half-dozen men appeared and casually walked out to join the other two. I was relieved to see that all of them were dressed in wet suits. They carried a ladder and jumped on the ice until it gave way. To my great relief it was obviously a crew of firemen training for rescue missions. The temp was below freezing and a stiff wind was blowing snow in their faces. At any moment, when back in their stations, they could be called out to face life-threatening intense heat. My thought is that, whatever we are paying these men and women, it isn't too much!

Clearly, the bleak season has us in its grip. Virtually all the birds have gone to their wintering grounds; chipmunks are snug in their burrows and the field mice are building tunnels under the snow to stay active all winter. There will be some days, of course, when the season will display, if only briefly, dazzling beauty that's unparalleled to the south.

And if you are in a Bah, Humbug mood and already fed up with the cold and snow, consider this alternative: You could be living in Buffalo. You can also take comfort in knowing that, during the last week of December, the days begin to lengthen. Besides, who would truly feel the spirit of Christmas without snow?





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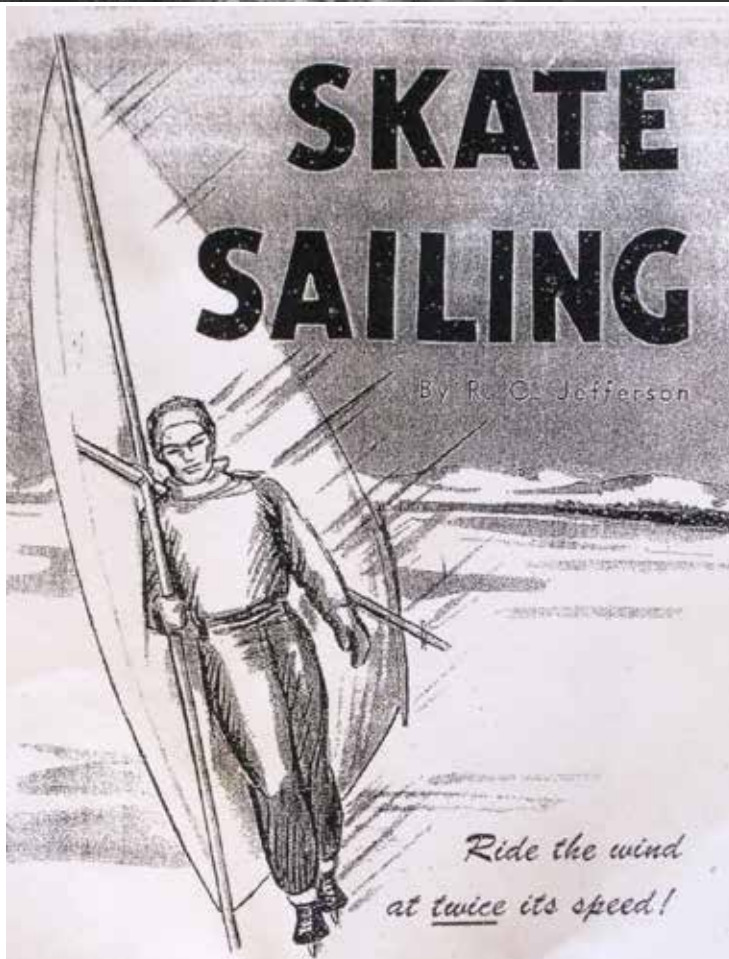
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The Park Point Art Fair is the recipient of a 2015 Festival Support Grant from The Minnesota State Arts Board. The purpose of the grant is to engage Minnesotans in festivals that celebrate the arts, build community, and expose communities to diverse art forms. The Arts Board grant provides us a unique opportunity to invest in promotions and marketing, artist demonstrations and performance, equipment, outreach and statistical analysis.

Thank you for your continued support and sharing in our enthusiasm for the future of this event that is so important to our community.

Carla Tamburro  
Park Point Art Fair Coordinator

[coordinator@parkpointartfair.org](mailto:coordinator@parkpointartfair.org)

## Park Point Environment News

On Hearing Island we have a pair of Beaver that have built a new home. They have cut down quite a few of the Aspen and Poplar trees and even a few Birch to use for building materials and food for this winter.

Judging from my experience with Beaver, I would consider them quite well settled in and on their way to having a family this winter. They will be hungry in the spring.

Protect your trees ASAP! They will take Apple, Cherry, Pear, Willow, Aspen and almost any other smooth barked trees this spring. As soon as there is water, there will be Beaver action. Wrap the trees with metal mesh at least 3' high.

If you have questions call me at 727-4067. I am known as, "Uncle Dick The Critter Gitter," and have been dealing with Beavers for about 60 years.

We also have quite a lot of Deer. They also like gardens, bushes (such as Currant, Raspberry), and will empty your bird feeders. Don't feed them!

The Fox seem to be thinning out a bit, but we still have them all up and down the Point. If people quit feeding them, they will relocate by crossing the ice this winter to the rail yards where there is a lot of feed.

It's the old story, "leave the critters alone and they won't bother you".

Dick Gould

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## Letter from the Editor

Hello friends and neighbors,

I want to let you know I will be resigning from the Breeze. This decision is one that I make with great reluctance, since it has been a such a positive experience. It's been an honor to serve our community, and a pleasure to get to know so many neighbors.

As many of you know, I am starting a new business and have found that it's going to take my full time attention to make it a success. It's possible that I may be facing the decision to move in the spring and don't want to leave the Breeze on short notice.

I'll be available to do the January issue but would like to be training a new editor by February, if possible. If anyone is interested in taking on this important community service, please contact me for more information.

Thank you all for your support, collaboration and friendship,

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## ***The Breeze***

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Park Point Resident

### **Numbers you can use**

**Got (non-emergency) issues you'd like to discuss, but don't know whom to call?**

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Parks Maintenance Division: 730-4491 (after hours 730-4150)

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